



October 15, 2010

Mr. Michael Gelder, Chair
Ms. Julie Hamos, Vice Chair
Illinois Health Care Reform Implementation Council
State of Illinois

Dear Mr. Gelder and Director Hamos:

I am writing on behalf of Molina Healthcare, Inc. (MHI) to offer comments as requested by the Illinois Health Care Reform Implementation Council on the topic of participation in the Illinois Health Information Exchange.

Molina Healthcare, Inc. has 30 years of experience serving patients who have traditionally faced barriers to obtaining quality healthcare, primarily individuals covered by Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and other government-sponsored health insurance programs. Molina Healthcare's operations in California, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin currently serve approximately 1.5 million low-income vulnerable Americans who otherwise would be unable to obtain health insurance coverage. We also serve as the fiscal intermediary for the Medicaid programs in New Jersey, Louisiana, West Virginia, Idaho and Maine covering another 2.8 million beneficiaries.

Molina Healthcare is currently pursuing licensure as a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) in the State of Illinois and are considering participation in the Medicaid Managed Care Program in the future.

We have attached our comments in response to the "Planning and Establishment of State-Level Exchanges; Request for Comments Regarding Exchange-Related Provisions in Title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" put forth by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Molina Healthcare offers these recommendations to aid in the development of standards for establishment and operation of these Exchanges.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Mayers".

Michael Mayers
Vice President, Policy and
Government Advocacy